



## **Arlington Disability Commission Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis (Chair), Darcy Devney, Karen Mathiasen, Paul Parravano, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Paul Raia, Maureen St. Hilaire (Vice Chair)

Guests: Christina Coleman (DEI Administrative Assistant), Grace Carpenter (Volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (Resident), Ellen Leigh (Volunteer, advocate), Regina Pontes (Resident), Megan Dufresne (Architectural Designer, Institute for Human Centered Design), Lori Cowles (HS Architect)

Absent: Kerrie Fallon, Liza Molina

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:04pm by DeAngelis.

1. Call to Order- Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Approve November Minutes
  - a. Parravano motioned to approved November minutes, Raia seconds, all in favor, motion approved.
3. Check-Ins, Holiday Plans
  - a. Moved to end of meeting.
  - b. Met Regina Pontes – welcomed to the group.
4. New Business
  - a. High School Building Review Presentation
    - i. Megan Dufresne from ICHD presented recommendations and review of the high school building plan – commission voted during November's meeting to have a review of the high school building plan due to their concerns.
    - ii. Covered plans review for the new high school building, final review will be submitted to the Disability Commission and High School Building Committee.
  - b. Automatic Traffic Signals
    - i. Tabled to next meeting
  - c. Discussion of Movement & Mobility in Town
    - i. Tabled to next meeting
  - d. Elections
    - i. Cynthia will set up meeting with Jill to discuss elections.
    - ii. Nominations will take place during January's meeting.
5. 2021 Goals and Retreat Discussion
  - a. Goals
    - i. Parravano shared the Disability Commission's 2021 goals
    - ii. Goals: partnering with Town Department heads, becoming more involved in special education in town, and acting as liaisons for town entities on disability related matters.
  - b. Key components for retreat
    - i. Retreat will be 2 ½ hours long, date TBD.
    - ii. Devney will go over commissioner's responsibilities and start the process of forming working groups.
    - iii. DeAngelis will lead the discussion on asking each commissioner why they joined the disability commission and what goals do they hope to achieve as a member of the disability commission.
6. Committee Updates

- a. Cynthia proposed having a commissioner sit on the Arlington Special Education Parent Advisory Council – all commissioners agreed.
  - b. Commission will discuss next meeting who will be the liaison to sit on the Special Education Parent Advisory Council.
- 7. Budget Update
  - a. Tabled until next meeting
- 8. DEI Updates
  - a. Chief Flaherty is forming a police advisory council.
  - b. Start thinking about who wants to volunteer to be the representative for the Citizens Review Board Study Committee.
  - c. Commissioners can decide if they want to support the MLK Committee's Superintendent Letter individually or if they want to support as a commission.
- 9. Priorities for next meeting's agenda
  - a. Automated Traffic Signals
  - b. Mobility in Town
  - c. Elections Nominations
  - d. Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

Commission members not able to attend please email both Jillian Harvey, [jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us) and Cynthia DeAngelis prior to the scheduled meeting.

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